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To: Representative Roland J. Lemar, Chair

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From: Representative Dorinda Borer

Support for Senate Bill 608, Legislation Concerning the Safety of Children When Buying Ice Cream from a Frozen Dessert Truck

Dear esteemed members of the Transportation Committee,

I am writing today because it is imperative that we secure the passage of Bill 608 through committee to avoid future horrific tragedies as we had seen last summer whereby Tristan, a young boy from Cheshire, was fatally hit by an oncoming car while innocently buying ice cream.

When ice cream trucks come into high traffic neighborhoods, the risk of a child getting struck by a motor vehicle increases exponentially. This bill implements crucial features to improve safety measures including the addition of convex mirrors. a stop sign arm to ice cream trucks, and it also regulates motor vehicles near ice cream trucks, with more stringent road regulations on speed. These are just a few of the examples from Bill 608.

This tragedy is one of many occurrences seen across the country, and states have begun passing legislation improving safety surrounding ice cream trucks. Our tri-state area neighbors along with California have all passed strict legislation regarding ice cream trucks, with signs and speed being regulated surrounding what is an attraction to our youth.

My heart aches for Tristan's family and friends. They have taken this tragedy and become a significant force behind this legislation. To demonstrate our support towards preventing



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heartache by more families and friends and to honor Tristan, please consider naming this bill "Tristan's Law."

Let us together demonstrate our dedication to the children of our state by passing this legislation.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Dorinda Borer

State Representative, 115th District